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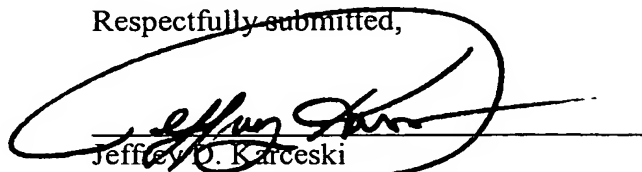
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In addition, relevance of the non-English language references are discussed in the English-language Abstracts attached hereto.

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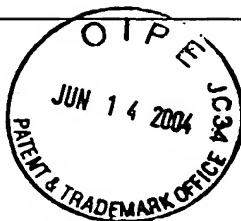
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